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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112**

This is a response to an Office Action mailed March 26, 2004. This response is being filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time.

**a. Introductory Comments**

Claims 1 – 22 were pending and rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Herein, Applicants amend claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 15, and 18.

Applicants request reconsideration.